

BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOSITION

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to the field of biologically active compositions and, in particular, to a biologically active stick composition. Preferably the invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions but, other applications outside the medical field are possible within the scope of the invention.

The invention also relates to the use of such compositions as medicaments and for the manufacture of stick medicaments for treating dermal conditions, as well as to a process for the preparation of such compositions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

One of the problems associated with topical medical treatment with high potency drugs is in the application of the composition. Most compositions intended for dermatological treatment of the skin are based on cream, ointment of gel vehicles and, when these are applied to the skin, the incidence of extralesional treatment can be substantial; areas surrounding the lesion to be treated as well as the fingers used to apply a product can be affected by the drug.

By using stick compositions having higher viscosities, which can be housed within a protective package, such extralesional treatment can be avoided or at least substantially eliminated. Another advantage of stick formulations is that, by their use, it is simple to achieve a uniform distribution of drug over the lesion to be treated.

Stick based products are not novel in the treatment of skin conditions and several active compounds have been formulated into sticks. Stick compositions, as herein referred to, are formed from erodible, usually soft and waxy materials having a solid consistency. When rubbed across the skin, such compositions are eroded and deposit a coating of their constituent material on the skin. Ge-